

105TH CONGRESS
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S. CON. RES. 83

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 10, 1998

Referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas December 14, 1999, will be the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington, the father of our Nation and the protector of our liberties;

Whereas the standards established by George Washington's steadfast character and devotion to duty continue to inspire all men and women in the service of their country and in the conduct of their private lives;

Whereas the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union, which maintains the Mount Vernon estate and directs research and education programs relating to George Washington's contribution to our national life, has requested all Americans to participate in the observance of this anniversary;

Whereas bells should be caused to toll at places of worship and institutions of learning for the duration of 1 minute commencing at 12 o'clock noon, central standard time, throughout the Nation, on the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington;

Whereas the flag of the United States should be lowered to half staff on the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington; and

Whereas the example set by George Washington is of the utmost importance to the future of the Nation, and it is the responsibility of private and government institutions to prepare for the observation of the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3 (1) calls upon the Nation to remember the life
4 of George Washington and his contributions to the
5 Nation; and

6 (2) requests and authorizes the President of the
7 United States—

8 (A) to issue a proclamation calling upon
9 the people of the United States—

10 (i) to commemorate the death of
11 George Washington with appropriate cere-
12 monies and activities; and

13 (ii) to cause and encourage patriotic
14 and civic associations, veterans and labor
15 organizations, schools, universities, and
16 communities of study and worship, to-
17 gether with citizens everywhere, to develop
18 programs and research projects that con-

1 centrate upon the life and character of
2 George Washington as it relates to the fu-
3 ture of the Nation and to the development
4 and welfare of the lives of free people ev-
5 erywhere; and
6 (B) to notify the governments of all Na-
7 tions with which the United States enjoys rela-
8 tions that our Nation continues to cherish the
9 memory of George Washington with affection
10 and gratitude by furnishing a copy of this reso-
11 lution to those governments.

Passed the Senate October 9 (legislative day, Octo-
ber 2), 1998.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,
Secretary.